

The Watauga Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—"Peace on earth, good will to men."

—Those Christmas nuts. Blackburn has 'em.

—A fine lot of 8-day clocks just in at Holsclaw's.

—Rev. A. L. Stanford filled his appointment in Boone on last Sunday.

—Make your wife or daughter a present of one of Blackburn's capes.

—Some very interesting communications received too late for this issue.

—Don't forget that Blackburn is the place to buy your fireworks. All kinds.

—Don't fail to note change in Blackburn's ad. He has some bargains for you.

—Sherwood's is the place to go if you want to leave with a smile on your face.

—You can get oranges, mixed nuts, raisins, bannanas, and coconuts at Holsclaw's.

—Santa Claus has contracted with Blackburn for his candies this Christmas. You do likewise.

—You can get cigars, cheroots, cigarettes, and plenty of good chewing tobacco at Sherwood's.

—Buy your stick candy from Blackburn, the kind that don't stick to the little ones socks.

—Remember you can get all kinds of candies also raisins, oranges, bannanas and coconuts at Sherwood's.

—A large line of handsome Xmas goods at I. N. Corpening's & Co. Candies, toys and beautiful ornaments.

—Mrs. Mattie Greene has qualified as administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Judge Greene.

—The Sheriff asks again for the people to come and settle their taxes. He says that it must be done at once.

—Will W. Holsclaw has the finest lot of Xmas candies to be found in the country at the right prices.

—Don't forget that we have a full line of fire works, fine candies and tricks in general for Xmas. Moretz & Farthing.

—We had all hoped for a white Christmas but it is almost like spring weather now. A deep still snow, makes an ideal Christmas.

—All parties due me will please come forward and make immediate settlement, before Jan. 1st. 1899. T. C. Blackburn, M. D.

—There will be a Christmas tree at the court house next Saturday at 7, p. m. The tree will be dressed Saturday morning. Of course the little people will be delighted.

—R. C. Rivers, of the DEMOCRAT, is spending the holidays in Ireland. His wife and baby have been there for some time. We miss him but hope he will have a pleasant time.

—Before the DEMOCRAT is issued again, the holidays will have passed, and it takes this opportunity of wishing for its readers, a happy, peaceful, joyous Christmas.

—Mr. Thos. Sherrill and Miss Sarah Simms, both of Blowing Rock, were married in Boone last Friday even-

ing. Squire Dougherty officiating. It will be remembered that Mr. Sherrill was in the "Naval unpleasantness" off Santiago harbor. The DEMOCRAT extends best wishes to them and hope that their lives may be happy.

—Mr. Holden Moody, who lives with his son, Fin, on Brushy Fork, was stricken with paralysis on last Sunday morning. He is seriously ill, and his recovery is thought to be doubtful.

—I have made a double order through mistake of silk handkerchiefs and ladies' fascinators, therefore I will sell cheap to get them off of my hands. Come quick. W. W. Holsclaw.

—In spending your Xmas money, don't give all to the ones you love, but in memory of the Christ Child in Bethlehem's manger, throw a ray of gladness and sunshine into some little heart unused to kindness.

—There will be an oyster supper at the Banner Elk Hotel Monday night after Xmas, Dec. 26th. They are going to have nice fresh oysters, and all the young people are cordially invited to attend.

—Remember the words of the Master, "The poor ye have with you always." Give them something this Christmas. Perhaps they have toiled as hard as you, the past year and failed. Don't forget them.

—An oyster supper will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holsclaw on Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 5 p. m. The proceeds will be applied toward furnishing Cove Creek Parsonage. Everybody invited, and a nice time expected.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Sunday night, Dec. 4th 1898, after a life of only 17 months upon earth, little Nina May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Trivett, left her earthly tabernacle and went to be with Him who gathered the little ones in his arms and forbade them not to come. This dear little one was a remarkably promising child, healthy and beautiful, and bade fair for a long life. But alas fatal disease found in her his mark and for ten weeks she suffered greatly with bronchitis, but ever seemed to bear her sufferings patiently. She is safe now, forever, with her little sister who had gone on before. Oh, may the dear family that is left behind live so that when life is done they will meet the little ones gone before. Farewell sweet Nina but not forever.

IRENA ADAMS.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages, and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, colds and coughs. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure, would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Trial bottles free at M. B. Blackburn's. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

The constant duty of every man to his fellows is to ascertain his own powers and special gifts, and strength for the help of others.—John Ruskin.

THEY DID NOT BELIEVE IT.

Editor Democrat:

I went down to Raleigh to attend the Supreme Court, and had a case before them, and the question was made, that a paper writing, filed and recorded for 37 years was presumed to have been properly executed and duly proven, which proposition was admitted but answered that the statute of limitation and presumption was suspended by the Legislature from the 20th of May 1861 till the 1st of Jan. '79 and was not to be counted during that time. I argued to court that the Legislature had no power to stop the clock of time, nor to pass laws to prevent witnesses from dying or moving away, and the laws of Nature, as we now understand them, will still go on, and that I never heard of them being suspended but once. That was when a man was sent from Boston to Wyoming to hunt up and get some petrifications for curiosities for the Boston Museum. When he got to Wyoming, he set out to search for the curiosities desired and he met a denizen of that country and told him his business and wants, and asked the fellow (for I know he was) what he could tell him, (the Boston man) where he could find the desired petrifications. The denizen, (who, by the way was a stuttering man), said: "Thar ain't none on this creek but thar's plenty of of them o-ver the r-ridge a-bou-about two-two mi-miles from he-here." The Boston man says: "All right, I want to get you to go with me and show them to me and I'll pay you." The denizen said: "I'm a-afraid." The Boston man said: "What are you afraid of?" The denizen said: "I'm a-afraid I'll pe-petrify." The Boston man said: "Theres no danger." "Ye-yes there is," said the denizen "a-a fellow we-went o-over thre la-last ye-year hunting fe-fe-pheasants an-and he he pe-petrified." The Boston man said: "No he didn't." "Ye-yes he did," the denizen replied, "An-and hee-stands there yet on on the b-bank of pe-petrified creek and his gun is petrified, and he sh-shot a fe-fe-pheasant as as it f-flew across p-pet-petrified creek-and-and killed it an it star-started to fa-fall and befo-before it got to the gr-ground it pet-petrified an and it hangs there ye-yet." The Boston man replied, "That can't be so, the law of gravitation would carry the dead pheasant to the ground." The man answered him and said: "Ye-yes my my fr-friend you you don't under-understand; why why the law of grav-gravitation it was a-a petrified."

The Supreme court thought that it was all a lie and decided the other way.

J. W. TODD.

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The death of Ex-Senator Calvin Brice, of Ohio, is announced. Senator Brice was a very wealthy man and a democrat.

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To Women for Comfort;
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Very Truly,

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Banner Elk, N. C., Dec. 10.

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Dec. 19.

M. B. BLACKBURN,

NOTICE.

Important business demands
the attention of every member of
Elk Lodge No. 373 at our next
meeting Dec. 27th, 1898. We de-
sire that every member of the
Lodge that can, be present, as
your presence is desired. Import-
ant business demands the atten-
tion of the Craft. Let every mem-
ber resolve to be present and cel-
ebrate the 27th day.

W. R. GRAHAM, W. M.
W. C. Hulcher, Sec'y.

The every-day religion of
doing good and loving one's
neighbor is simply achieving
spirituality of life. And it is
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processes of aid.—Lilian Whit-
ing.

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fail. We take this meth-
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our goods just right, we are
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